

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3569–S3662

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3348–3355, and S. Res. 521–523. **Page S3643**

Measures Reported:

S. 736, to provide for improvements in the Federal hiring process and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–184) **Page S3643**

Measures Passed:

National Nurses Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 522, recognizing National Nurses Week. **Pages S3661–62**

Honoring the Crew Who Perished Aboard Deepwater Horizon: Senate agreed to S. Res. 523, honoring the crew members who perished aboard the offshore oil rig Deepwater Horizon, and extending the condolences of the Senate to the families and loved ones of the deceased crew members. **Page S3662**

Measures Considered:

Restoring American Financial Stability Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end “too big to fail”, to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3569–S3627**

Adopted:

By 63 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 141), Merkley Amendment No. 3962 (to Amendment No. 3739), to prohibit certain payments to loan originators and to require verification by lenders of the ability of consumers to repay loans. **Pages S3569, S3573–74**

By 91 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 143), Hutchison Modified Amendment No. 3759 (to Amendment No. 3739), to maintain the role of the Board of Governors as the supervisor of holding companies and State member banks. **Pages S3569, S3573, S3574–75**

Snowe/Landrieu Amendment No. 3918 (to Amendment No. 3739), to improve title X. **Pages S3576–80, S3591–94**

By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 145), Reed/Brown (MA) Amendment No. 3943 (to Amendment No. 3739), to establish a specific consumer protection liaison for service members and their families. **Pages S3611–16**

Landrieu Amendment No. 3956 (to Amendment No. 3739), to exempt qualified residential mortgages from credit risk retention requirements. **Pages S3575–76, S3625–27**

Crapo Modified Amendment No. 3992 (to Amendment No. 3956), to provide for credit risk retention requirements for commercial mortgages. **Pages S3590–91, S3625–27**

Rejected:

By 42 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 142), Corker Amendment No. 3955 (to Amendment No. 3739), to provide for a study of the asset-backed securitization process and for residential mortgage underwriting standards. **Pages S3569, S3572–73, S3574**

By 39 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 144), Chambliss Amendment No. 3816 (to Amendment No. 3739), to implement regulatory oversight of the swap markets, to improve regulators’ access to information about all swaps, to encourage clearing while preventing concentration of inadequately hedged risks in central clearinghouses and ensuring that corporate end users can continue to hedge their unique business risks, and to improve market transparency. **Pages S3595–S3610**

Withdrawn:

Dodd (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3932 (to Amendment No. 3739), to ensure that the fees that small business and other entities are charged for accepting debit cards are reasonable and proportional to the costs incurred, and to limit payment card networks from imposing anti-competitive restrictions on small businesses and other entities that accept payment cards. **Pages S3619–20**

Dodd (for Franken) Amendment No. 3808 (to Amendment No. 3739), to instruct the Securities and Exchange Commission to establish a self-regulatory organization to assign credit rating agencies to provide initial credit ratings. **Pages S3619–20**

Pending:

Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3569–S3627**

Collins Amendment No. 3879 (to Amendment No. 3739), to mandate minimum leverage and risk-based capital requirements for insured depository institutions, depository institution holding companies, and nonbank financial companies that the Council identifies for Board of Governors supervision and as subject to prudential standards. **Pages S3616–17**

Brownback Modified Amendment No. 3789 (to Amendment No. 3739), to provide for an exclusion from the authority of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection for certain automobile manufacturers. **Page S3617**

Brownback (for Snowe/Pryor) Amendment No. 3883 (to Amendment No. 3739), to ensure small business fairness and regulatory transparency. **Pages S3617–18**

Specter Modified Amendment No. 3776 (to Amendment No. 3739), to amend section 20 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to allow for a private civil action against a person that provides substantial assistance in violation of such Act. **Pages S3618–19**

Dodd (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3823 (to Amendment No. 3739), to restore the application of the Federal antitrust laws to the business of health insurance to protect competition and consumers. **Pages S3619–20**

Sessions Amendment No. 3832 (to Amendment No. 3739), to provide an orderly and transparent bankruptcy process for non-bank financial institutions and prohibit bailout authority. **Pages S3620–24**

Dodd (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3989 (to Amendment No. 3739), to ensure that the fees that small businesses and other entities are charged for accepting debit cards are reasonable and proportional to the costs incurred, and to limit payment card networks from imposing anti-competitive restrictions on small businesses and other entities that accept payment cards. **Pages S3624–25**

Dodd (for Franken) Amendment No. 3991 (to Amendment No. 3739), to instruct the Securities and Exchange Commission to establish a self-regulatory organization to assign credit rating agencies to provide initial credit ratings. **Pages S3624–25**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 13, 2010. **Page S3662**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13303 of May

22, 2003; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–55)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Parker Loren Carl, of Kentucky, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

Gerald Sidney Holt, of Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Virginia for the term of four years.

Stephen T. Ayers, of Maryland, to be Architect of the Capitol for the term of ten years. (Prior to this action, Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration.)

Jerry E. Martin, of Tennessee, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

Robert R. Almonte, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Texas for the term of four years. **Pages S3627, S3662**

Messages from the House: **Page S3641**

Measures Referred: **Page S3641**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S3569, S3641**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—145) **Pages S3574–75, S3610, S3613**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3662.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: AIR FORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Air Force, after

receiving testimony from Michael B. Donley, Secretary, and General Norton A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff, both of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine Reserve component programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Dennis M. McCarthy, Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs, General Craig R. McKinley, Chief, National Guard Bureau, Lieutenant General Harry M. Wyatt III, Director, Air National Guard, Major General Raymond W. Carpenter, Acting Director, Army National Guard, Lieutenant General Jack Stultz, Chief, U.S. Army Reserve, Vice Admiral Dirk J. Debbink, U.S. Navy, Chief, Navy Reserve, Lieutenant General John F. Kelly, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, and Commander, Marine Forces North, and Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner, Jr., Chief, Air Force Reserve, and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command, all of the Department of Defense; and Rear Admiral Sandra Stosz, Director of Reserve and Leadership, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

U.S. HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of United States human space flight, after receiving testimony from John P. Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President; Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Norman R. Augustine, Review of United States Human Spaceflight Plans Committee, Bethesda, Maryland; Neil A. Armstrong, Commander, Apollo 11, Lebanon, Ohio; and Captain Eugene A. Cernan, USN (Ret.), Commander, Apollo 17, Houston, Texas.

SUDAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Sudan, focusing on the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), Darfur and the region, after receiving testimony from Major General Jonathan S. Gration, USAF (Ret.), Special Envoy to Sudan, Department of State.

IRAN SANCTIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Iran sanctions, focusing on why the United States Government does business with companies who do business with Iran, after receiving testimony from Representative Deutch; Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and Danielle Pletka, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.

STAFFORD ACT REFORM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery concluded a hearing to examine Stafford Act reform, focusing on sharper tools for a smarter recovery, after receiving testimony from W. Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Matt Jadacki, Deputy Inspector General, Office of Emergency Management Oversight, Office of the Inspector General, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr., The United States Conference of Mayors, Charleston, South Carolina; David Maxwell, National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), Little Rock, Arkansas; and Sheila Crowley, National Low Income Housing Coalition, Washington, D.C.

ESPIONAGE STATUTES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine espionage statutes, after receiving testimony from Stephen I. Vladeck, American University Washington College of Law, Jeffrey H. Smith, Arnold & Porter LLP, and Kenneth L. Wainstein, O'Melveny & Myers LLP, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 5278–5293; and 8 resolutions, H.

Con. Res. 277; and H. Res. 1351–1357 were introduced. **Pages H3440–41**

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H3441–42

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Serrano to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3313**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Timothy Goble, Grace Evangelical Free Church. **Page H3313**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act of 2010: S. 3333, to extend the statutory license for secondary transmissions under title 17, United States Code; **Pages H3317–30**

Clarifying the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage: H.R. 5014, amended, to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 260; **Pages H3330–33, H3355–56**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Learn to Fly Day: H. Res. 1284, amended, to support the goals and ideals of National Learn to Fly Day; **Pages H3336–38**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Supporting the goals and ideals of International Learn to Fly Day, and for other purposes.”. **Page H3338**

Expressing the sense of the Congress that general aviation pilots and industry should be recognized for the contributions made in response to Haiti earthquake relief efforts: S. Con. Res. 61, to express the sense of the Congress that general aviation pilots and industry should be recognized for the contributions made in response to Haiti earthquake relief efforts; **Pages H3338–39**

Recognizing National Nurses Week: H. Res. 1261, amended, to recognize National Nurses Week; **Pages H3341–44**

Officer Daniel Faulkner Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act: H.R. 959, amended, to increase Federal Pell Grants for the children of fallen public safety officers; **Pages H3344–46**

Expressing support for the goals and ideals of Children's Book Week: H. Res. 1333, to express support for the goals and ideals of Children's Book Week; **Page H3347**

Lord's Resistance Army Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act: S. 1067, to support stabilization and lasting peace in northern Uganda and areas affected by the Lord's Resistance Army through development of a regional strategy to support multilateral efforts to successfully protect civilians and eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's

Resistance Army and to authorize funds for humanitarian relief and reconstruction, reconciliation, and transitional justice; **Pages H3409–16**

Recognizing the close friendship and historical ties between the United Kingdom and the United States: H. Res. 1303, amended, to recognize the close friendship and historical ties between the United Kingdom and the United States; **Pages H3416–17**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the special relationship and historic ties between the United Kingdom and the United States.”. **Page H3417**

Commending the Community of Democracies for its achievements since it was founded in 2000: H. Res. 1143, amended, to commend the Community of Democracies for its achievements since it was founded in 2000; and **Pages H3418–20**

Commending the progress made by anti-tuberculosis programs: H. Res. 1155, amended, to commend the progress made by anti-tuberculosis programs. **Pages H3420–21**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, May 11th:

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week: H. Con. Res. 268, to support the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 261. **Page H3356**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Expressing the sympathy and condolences of the House of Representatives to those people affected by the flooding in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Mississippi in May, 2010: H. Res. 1337, to express the sympathy and condolences of the House of Representatives to those people affected by the flooding in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Mississippi in May, 2010 and **Pages H3333–36**

Recognizing the significant accomplishments of AmeriCorps: H. Res. 1338, to recognize the significant accomplishments of AmeriCorps and to encourage all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of national and community service. **Pages H3339–41**

America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010: The House began consideration of H.R. 5116, to invest in innovation through research and development and to improve the competitiveness of the

United States. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 13th. **Pages H3347–55, H3356–H3409**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–479, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule. **Page H3364**

Agreed to:

Gordon (TN) en bloc amendment consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–479: Matsui amendment (No. 3) that ensures that Smart Grid technologies are included in the list of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application activities that may be undertaken by a DOE Energy Innovation Hub; Matsui amendment (No. 4) that ensures that the development of new smart grid technologies are an important part of the Office of Science's research activities as it continues to strengthen its collaborations with the rest of DOE to accelerate the advancement of new energy technologies; Wu amendment (No. 5) that requires ARPA-E to make awards designed to overcome the long-term and high-risk barriers relating to its goals and to facilitate submission, where possible by small businesses and entrepreneurs, of funding opportunities; McCarthy (NY) amendment (No. 11) that ensures that any assessments and studies on improving emergency communications build upon conclusions made in existing reports on the matter; Clarke amendment (No. 18) that ensures that STEM evidence-based education programs increase participation by women and underrepresented minority students; Cohen amendment (No. 19) that expresses a Sense of Congress encouraging the incorporation of an engineering curriculum in K–12 schools; Cuellar amendment (No. 20) that directs the Director of the National Science Foundation to conduct outreach efforts to encourage applications from underrepresented groups; Honda amendment (No. 25) that coordinates federal STEM education programs with the work being done by state-level P–16 and P–20 councils to coordinate, integrate, and improve education throughout all grade levels and the common core standards being developed by the states by adding facilitating improved coordination between these efforts as one of the responsibilities of the Advisory Committee on STEM Education created in the bill; Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 27) that requires the STEM Industry Internship Program report to include an economic and ethnic breakdown of the participating students; Moore (WI) amendment (No. 47) that expands the bill proposed climate and environmental science research of the Earth's atmosphere and biosphere to include the

Great Lakes in addition to oceans; and Hare amendment (No. 39) that declares that it is the sense of Congress that when more than one applicant applies for STEM education programs or activities authorized under the COMPETES Act and are considered equal in merit, that the grant making authority shall give additional consideration to the applicant who has not previously received funding and those institutions of higher education in rural areas;

Pages H3391–93

Gordon (TN) amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–479) that ensures that biomass technology systems and related courses are included in the list of fields that would be encompassed by the energy systems science and engineering education programs;

Pages H3393–94

Gordon (TN) amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–479) that ensures that students enrolled in two-year, certificate, associate, or baccalaureate programs are eligible for STEM programs. It also calls for a report of agency approaches to increase minority participation in STEM careers;

Pages H3394–96

Gordon (TN) en bloc amendment No. 2 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–479: Loretta Sanchez (CA) amendment (No. 14) that includes the membership of elementary school and secondary school administrator associations to the President's Advisory Committee on STEM Education; Bishop (NY) amendment (No. 15) that directs the National Institute of Standards and Technology to develop, or assist in the development of, reference materials, standards, instruments and measurement methods for nanomaterials and derived products and also calls on NIST to develop data to support the correlation of properties of nanomaterials to any environmental, health, or safety risks; Barrow amendment (No. 16) that requires the inclusion of manufacturing education and training in the strategic plan developed by Federal agencies; Carney amendment (No. 17) that requires the National Science Foundation to conduct outreach encouraging rural colleges and private sector entities in rural areas to participate in the internship grant program; Herseth Sandlin amendment (No. 22) that urges NSF to respond to the recommendations of the National Academy of Sciences and National Science and Technology Council regarding investments in facilities, and to make joint investments with the Department of Energy where possible; Childers amendment (No. 35) that requires the NIST Director to carry out a disaster resilient buildings and infrastructure program; Kissell amendment (No. 42) that requires the Secretary to consider the amount of the obligation when determining application fees for the

newly established Innovative Technologies in Manufacturing Loan Guarantee Program; Klein (FL) amendment (No. 43) that instructs the director of the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) within NIST to evaluate obstacles unique to small manufacturers that prevent them from effectively competing in the global market, and design a comprehensive plan to support MEP centers in meeting the needs of these small manufacturers; Perriello amendment (No. 49) that provides that the President's advisory committee on STEM can provide advice to Federal agencies including through the section 301 interagency committee; Holt amendment (No. 23) that requires the Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy to submit to Congress a national competitiveness and innovation strategy; Holt amendment (No. 24) that expresses the Sense of Congress that peer review is an important part of ensuring the integrity of scientific research and that in developing public access policies, the National Science and Technology working group established under this section should take into account the role of scientific publishers in the peer review process; Minnick amendment (No. 46) that requires the President's Advisory Panel on STEM Education to coordinate with state and local workforce programs to better meet their needs; Patrick J. Murphy (PA) amendment (No. 48) that includes in the list of STEM education programs and activities at the Department of Energy a competitive grant program for colleges and universities, including 2 year colleges, to create or expand courses and degree programs in the areas of energy systems science and engineering; and Kanjorski amendment (No. 9) that permits a Regional Innovation Center to use funding for interacting with the general public and state and local governments in order to meet the goals of the cluster;

Pages H3401–03

Gingrey (GA) amendment (No. 21 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–479) that directs the National Science Foundation to establish the Green Chemistry Basic Research and Development program and provide merit-based grants to support green chemistry applications. Green chemistry is chemistry that involves the design of chemical products and processes that reduce or eliminate the use or generation of hazardous substances, and it focuses on preventing pollution and waste from forming in the first place;

Pages H3403–04

Gordon amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–479) that makes technical and clarifying changes to the bill. Also amends Section 243 (“Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program”) and Section 702 (“Persons with Disabilities”), and add new Sections 412 (“Report On the Use of Modeling and Simulation”) and Section 704 (“Budgetary Ef-

fects”), Section 705 (“Limitation”), and Section 706 (“Prohibition on Lobbying”), among other changes (by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 6 noes, Roll No. 262);

Pages H3405–06

Markey (MA) amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–479) that establishes a program to support the development and commercial application of clean energy technologies through a Clean Energy Consortium selected competitively by the Secretary of Energy. The Consortium would be regionally based and include research universities, national labs, industry, and other state and nongovernmental organizations with research or technology transfer expertise in clean energy technology. The Consortium would have a technology focus to which at least 50 percent of support would be directed. The grant to establish and operate the Consortium is for an amount not more than \$10,000,000 per year and is for a period not to exceed 3 years (by a recorded vote of 254 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 264);

Pages H3396–98, H3407

George Miller (CA) amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–479) that requires public institutions of higher education, with respect to employees who are represented by labor organizations and who work on activities or programs supported by this Act, to maintain a policy to respond to union information requests, for information to which the union is legally entitled, on a timely basis in order to be eligible to receive facilities and administrative costs provided by any of the funding sources authorized by this Act. Failure to comply with such a policy would result in suspension of payments to the institution for facilities and administrative costs until compliance is achieved (by a recorded vote of 250 ayes to 174 noes, Roll No. 265); and

Pages H3398–H3400, H3407–08

Reyes amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–479) that requires the STEM coordinating committee under OSTP to describe the approaches that will be taken by each agency to conduct outreach designed to promote widespread public understanding of career opportunities in the STEM fields. It also requires the establishment and maintenance of a publicly accessible online database of all federally sponsored STEM education programs (by a recorded vote of 413 ayes to 10 noes, Roll No. 266).

Pages H3400–01, H3408–09

Rejected:

Hall (TX) amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–479) that sought to strike title V of the bill (Innovation) (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 263).

Pages H3393, H3406

Proceedings Postponed:

Bocchieri amendment (No. 34 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–479) that seeks to increase the authorization level for funding for Federal Loan Guarantees for Innovative Technologies in Manufacturing from \$50 million to \$100 million. **Pages H3404–05**

H. Res. 1344, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 259, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H3347–55

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of fallen law enforcement officers.

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President's Export Council—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the President Export Council: Representatives Reichert and Tiberi.

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Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the stabilization of Iraq is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2010—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–108).

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Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress the text of a proposed Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation for Cooperation in the Field of Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Pages H3422–23

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3354–55, H3355–56, H3356, H3405–06, H3406, H3407, H3407–08, H3408–09. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RURAL ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy and Research held a hearing on H.R. 4785, Rural Energy Savings Program Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Clyburn, Whitfield, and Perriello; Nivin Elgohary, Acting Assistant Administrator, Rural Utilities Services, USDA; former Representative Glenn English of Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FY 2011

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel approved for full Committee action H.R. 5136, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FY 2011

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces approved for full Committee action H.R. 5136, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011.

PREMATURITY AND INFANT MORTALITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Prematurity and Infant Mortality: What Happens When Babies are Born Too Early? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: William Callaghan, M.D., Senior Scientist, Maternal and Infant Health Branch, Division of Reproductive Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Catherine Spong, M.D., Branch Chief, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH; and public witnesses.

DEEPWATER HORIZON RIG OIL SPILL

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Inquiry into the Deepwater Horizon Gulf Coast Oil Spill." Testimony was heard from Steve Newman, President and CEO, Transocean Limited; Lamar McKay, Chairman and President, BP America, Inc.; Tim Probert, President, Global Business Lines, Chief Health, Safety, and Environmental Officer, Halliburton; and Jack B. Moore, Director, President and CEO, Cameron International.

CREDIT INFORMATION USE REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "Use of Credit Information Beyond Lending: Issues and Reform Proposals." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MINORITIES AND WOMEN IN FINANCIAL REGULATORY REFORM

Committee on Financial Reform: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a joint hearing entitled “Minorities and Women in Financial Regulatory Reform: The Need for Increasing Participation and Opportunities for Qualified Persons and Businesses.” Testimony was heard from Orice M. Williams-Brown, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ENTERPRISE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled “A DHS Intelligence Enterprise: Still Just a Vision or Reality?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; Caryn Wagner, Under Secretary, and Bart Johnson, Principal Deputy Under Secretary.

FEDERAL BUILDING RESTROOM GENDER PARITY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on H.R. 4869, Restroom Gender Parity in Federal Buildings Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Clarke and Cohen; Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Building Service, GSA; Sharon Pratt, former Mayor, D.C.; and public witnesses.

POSTAL SERVICE WORKSHARE DISCOUNTS PRODUCT COSTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held an oversight hearing entitled “The Price is Right, or is it?: An Examination of USPS Workshare Discounts and Products that Do Not Cover Their Costs.” Testimony was heard from Maura Robinson, Vice President, Pricing, U.S. Postal Service; John D. Waller, Director, Office of Accountability and Compliance, Postal Regulatory Commission; and public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS, AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2009

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2142, Government Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Performance Improvement Act of 2009.

SMALL BUSINESS AND BROADBAND

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Small Businesses and Broadband: An Engine for Economic Growth and Job Creation.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VETERANS HEALTH MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1017, as amended, Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act; H.R. 5145, Assuring Quality Care for Veterans Act; and H.R. 3885, Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act.

INDICATION AND WARNING METHODOLOGIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Indication and Warning Methodologies. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Financial Intelligence. The Subcommittee was briefed by Stuart Levey, Under Secretary, Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, Department of the Treasury.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Housing Administration and its role in the housing market, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Full Committee, business meeting to markup H.R. 4899, making emergency supplemental appropriations for disaster relief and summer jobs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, 3:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing on operations in Afghanistan, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Alan D. Bersin, of California, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian school safety, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Goodwin Liu, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Raymond Joseph Lohier, Jr., of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Leonard Philip Stark, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware, and Kerry Joseph Forestal, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Indiana, John Dale Foster, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of West Virginia, Gary Michael Gaskins, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of West Virginia, Dallas Stephen Neville, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Wisconsin, and R. Booth Goodwin II, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Scott M. Matheson, Jr., of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, John J. McConnell, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, James Kelleher Bredar, and Ellen Lipton Hollander, both to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, and Susan Richard Nelson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

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Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, on Pacific Command/U.S. Forces Korea, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

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Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, to mark up H.R. 5136, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011, 12:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

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Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, hearing entitled “The National Broadband Plan: Promoting Broadband Adoption,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on the following measures to reauthorize the Safe Drinking Water Act State Revolving Fund, and the Assistance, Quality and Affordability Act of 2010 (AQUA) 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

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Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on the proposals to establish an infrastructure bank, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 3217, Restoring American Financial Stability Act, with rollcall votes expected throughout the day.

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